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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00PM

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00AM

Pastoral Council: Diane Stone, Chair

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00PM

Sunday: 9:00AM

Pastoral Council: Bernie Garvey, Chair

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Business Manager: Dick Schwoebel (570)677-7634
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Office hours: 9:00AM – 2:00PM

WELCOME: We warmly welcome all to join us in worship of our God. If you are new to our parish community, please be sure to tell Fr. Pat that you will be joining our parish community. Contact the parish office if you have any questions. Visitor envelopes are available at all entrances.

MARRIAGE: Christian marriage is a sacred and serious commitment. Couples contemplating marriage should notify a parish priest at least nine months before the date on which they intend to marry. This should be done before any other arrangements are made so that a couple may be suitably served by the parish and diocese. All couples are required to take part in a Pre-Cana program or Engaged Encounter Weekend. **Sunday Weddings are not permitted.**

RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is a community journey that leads to transformation of mind and spirit. Guided by the gospel and the examples of parish members, newcomers can find their place in the RCIA community of believers and discover their own relationship with Christ. The program runs from September through Pentecost with reception of the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil. Information is available at the parish office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Knowing the Catholic faith and tradition is essential if faith and tradition are to continue to be nourishing facets of our lives. Religious formation is valuable for both youth and adults. Classes are conducted from September to May following the 9:00AM Mass on Sunday. Information on religious education programs for youth of all ages and educational opportunities for adults are available at the parish office.

BULLETIN: If you have information that you would like to place in the bulletin (community news, society/social news, etc.), please have it at the parish office no later than Tuesday morning.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Forty-five minutes before Saturday evening Mass or by appointment.

SHUT-INS: If someone you know is unable to attend Mass but would like to receive Communion or receive a copy of our weekly bulletin, please contact the parish office.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION PROGRAM: All parents must attend a Baptismal Preparation meeting before this sacrament will be celebrated. Contact Father Pat at the parish office (570-836-3275) to schedule an appointment to discuss your child's baptism.

HOSPITAL VISITS: Visits are made on a regular basis.
PLEASE NOTE: The new privacy laws limit the amount of information that we receive from the hospitals or nursing/convalescent homes. It is necessary that family or friends notify us of these admittances.

HANDICAPPED SEATING AREA: Please note that the front pew nearest to the side door is reserved to accommodate those who have need due to disability. Please be kind enough to leave this pew available for that purpose.

PARKING LOT: [St. Mary's] Please keep the emergency lane in front of the church clear at all times. It is essential that vehicles are able to get in and out of the parking lot in case of an emergency. Please adhere to the parking spaces as delineated. Please be considerate of your fellow parishioners when you are backing up or turning to park or to exit the parking lot. There is ample parking on the upper level and supplemental parking on the side of the church.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

**"TO KNOW, LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD
AND ONE ANOTHER
IN IMITATION OF MARY"**

*Approved by both Parish Pastoral Councils
January 2007*

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FROM THE PASTOR'S TYPEWRITER:



And so we stand before the endless possibilities of yet another New Year. Perhaps this year will be a good time to further your studies, regardless of your age, or maybe art lessons to further your talents in painting. We live in a wonderful time in history where the arts and sciences offer us so much. Maybe joining choral society – music is such a wonderful way to relax and to give back to God.

Don't let the dreary news of the day pull you down. In this New Year, dream higher, live better and engage your world in healthy, positive ways. Difficulties will always be around but that doesn't mean we have to participate in them. Exercise your gifts and talents to the fullest and your year will be filled with many, many blessings.

A blessed and Happy New Year to all and may your year be filled with God's grace and joy.

Fr. Pat

CAN YOU HELP? Both of our parishes are in need of volunteers to **help count the collection each week**. At **Nativity**, the counting takes place on **Sunday morning** starting at about 9:00AM. **St. Mary of the Lake** counting takes place on **Monday morning** at about 9:00AM. If you can help out **approximately once a month** in either parish, please contact Dick Schwoebel at the Parish Office (570-836-3275) or at 570-677-7634. It doesn't take long and we could really use your help.



UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Clergy Care January 05-06

CARE AND EDUCATION OF DIOCESAN PRIESTS: The monthly collection for the care and education of priests of the Diocese of Scranton **will be taken up this weekend**. An envelope for this collection is in your set. Thank you for your generosity and prayerful support.



DIVINE MERCY PRAYER SERVICE: Deacon Ray is conducting a Divine Mercy prayer service on the first Sunday of the month at 3:00PM in St. Mary of the Lake Church. **The next service will be this Sunday, January 6th**. All are welcome.

CAPUCHIN SISTERS SUPPORT FUND: If you would like to assist with this need, please put your donation in an envelope marked "Capuchin Sisters" and deposit it in the collection at any time.

DIOCESAN NOTICE

The faithful of the Diocese of Scranton are hereby advised that **John Tokarick** is not a Roman Catholic Priest and is not permitted to function as a priest in the Roman Catholic Church. Furthermore, the Catholic faithful should not receive the sacraments from Tokarick or attend his celebration of the sacraments, wherever they may be held.

Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney
Vicar General
Diocese of Scranton

NATIVITY'S HOMEMADE PIEROGIES: Sorry – **we're SOLD OUT!!** We will start to make pierogies again in January. Watch the bulletin for more information.



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS: His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office

for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their **25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2019** to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, June 30th**. The event includes a **2:30PM Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral** followed by a reception. **Requests for an invitation, with a mailing address, should be made through your pastor before April 2nd**.

THE LOWER WYOMING COUNTY FOOD PANTRY: The food pantry is open the first and third Thursday of the month. **We are always in need of dessert items (cake mixes, sugar, flour, pudding, bread mixes)** as these items are not purchased for the pantry shelves but are certainly enjoyed by our clients. If you or someone you know is in need, please don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your support.

Mary Lou Franko

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING: December 29-30, 2018

Nativity BVM Church:

Weekly Collection Goal*	\$ 4,800.00
Actual Offertory**	\$ 3,491.00
Difference:.....	\$(1,309.00)

St. Mary of the Lake Church:

Weekly Collection Goal*	\$ 2,000.00
Actual Offertory**	\$ 1,595.00
Difference:.....	\$(405.00)

*Weekly Collection Goal represents the amount needed weekly if we are going to make our 2018-2019 Parish Collections goal (envelopes and loose). It does NOT include Fundraising, Religious Education Income or any other income.

**Actual Offertory represents the total amount received in the weekly collection (not including Easter or special collections).

The generosity of our people is truly appreciated. We may not always reach our budgeted goals, but we are grateful to those who make a sacrifice on a weekly basis to sustain our parish ministries.

UNRAVELLING THE MYSTERIES: Paul Binner is planning two additional sessions in his discussion of the mysteries of our faith. On **Wednesday, January 9th**, the topic will be **Reconciling Science, Faith and Reason** and on **Thursday, January 17th**, it's **How to Read the Bible**. Both sessions will be held in **Fr. Nallin Hall (2nd floor), 6:30-8:30PM**. See the enclosed flyer for more information on the topics and how to register.

A WELCOMING COMMUNITY: *You enter this church ... not as stranger, but as a guest of God. He is your heavenly Father. Come, then, with joy in your heart and thanks on your lips into His presence, offering Him your love and service. Be grateful to the strong and loyal ones who, in the name of Jesus Christ, built this place of worship, and to all who have beautified it and hallowed it with their prayers and praise.*



MEMBERS NEEDED FOR ST. MARY MINISTRY COMMITTEES



The Saint Mary of the Lake Parish Pastoral Council has established four Ministry Committees which will assist in developing goals for the future development of Saint Mary of the Lake as well as action plans to ensure the achievement of these goals. The Worship Committee will focus on the prayer and worship life at Saint Mary of the Lake. The Word Committee will focus on the faith education and catechesis of all parishioners at Saint Mary of the Lake. The Service Committee will focus on serving those in need, making justice a lived value at Saint Mary of the Lake. The Community Committee will work to enhance and communicate the sense of community at Saint Mary of the Lake.

We are asking that you prayerfully consider giving your time and talents as a member of one or more of these four Committees. The time commitment would be four meetings per year, not to exceed 1.5 hours in length, plus whatever other time commitment you are able to give to the process.

If you are interested in being considered for membership on a committee, please call the Parish Office at 570-378-2181 and give your name, phone number and preferred Committee. You may also contact one of the Committee Chairs directly and let them know of your interest:

- Worship Committee Chair..... Bill Waters.....570-378-2367**
- Word Committee Chair..... MaryAnn Barni.....570-687-3070**
- Service Committee Chair..... Mary Lou Franko...570-586-4811**
- Community Committee Chair... Bernie Garvey.....570-862-7651**

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES: The Diocese of Scranton offers compassionate counseling in a safe, comfortable environment where your privacy is always respected. Catholic Social Services accepts Medicaid plans and some insurance plans. Counseling is made affordable for everyone. For more information call (570) 207-2283.

Will you join us for the 2019 March for Life in Washington D.C. on Friday January 18th?



The March for Life in Washington, D.C., began as a small demonstration and rapidly grew to be the largest pro-life event in the world. The peaceful demonstration that has followed on this somber anniversary every year since 1973 is a witness to the truth concerning the greatest human rights violation of our time, legalized abortion on demand.

If you can participate, please contact Diane Stone at 570-836-3055 this week. Arrangements are being made for a bus to leave locally for this event. **Your parish will pay the fare** – all you have to do is sign up.

REMEMBRANCE OF THE DEAD: Your prayers are requested for the following Nativity BVM parishioners:



JANE WYND, whose funeral was this Saturday;
IRENE TALCOTT, whose funeral will take place this Monday.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual Light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AT NATIVITY B.V.M.

**Wednesdays
2:00 to 4:00PM**

**This is a personal invitation to you from Jesus.
"Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love."**

(Pope Saint John Paul II)

ALL ARE WELCOME



HAVE you no promises to make Me? You know I read the very bottom of your heart. Men are deceived, but not God: be frank.

ARE you resolved to avoid that occasion of sin, to give up the object which leads you astray - not to read the book which excites your imagination, to withdraw your friendship from that person who is irreligious, and whose presence disturbs the peace of your soul? Will you go at once and be kind to that companion who annoyed you?

Holy Hour is the Roman Catholic devotional tradition of spending an hour in Eucharistic Adoration in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

During INCLEMENT WEATHER:

If school is closed for the day – No Adoration.

If there is early dismissal – No Adoration.

If there is a school delay (report 2 hours later) – There will be Adoration.

Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation

Looking to learn more about your faith, or gain enrichment for your parish ministry? Members of the faithful across the Diocese of Scranton are invited to consider taking a course through the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation! Cycle 1 (2019) Session dates run from January 20th through February 23rd. Registration is now open and closes January 16, 2019.

See <https://vlcff.udayton.edu/calendar/> to view the Course Calendar for 2019 or visit <https://vlcff.udayton.edu/> and click 'calendar.'



2018 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL As of December 17th

NATIVITY BVM CHURCH:

GOAL:..... \$34,000.00
PLEGGED:..... \$17,350.00
STATUS:..... 51.8%

UNDER GOAL:..... \$16,650.00

PARTICIPATION: 11.03% (105 FAMILIES OUT OF 952)

ST. MARY OF THE LAKE CHURCH:

GOAL:..... \$13,000.00
PLEGGED:..... \$ 4,650.00
STATUS..... 35.8%

UNDER GOAL:..... \$ 8,350.00

PARTICIPATION: 6.33% (28 FAMILIES OUT OF 442)

Your support is necessary to maintain the programs and resources funded by the Appeal. Please consider making a pledge or donation to the Appeal today.
More information is available on the diocesan website – www.dioceseofscranton.org

ZUMBA & YOGAFIT: Zumba classes are held on Wednesdays in St. Mary's Parish Hall starting at 6:00PM with a Yogafit class to follow at 7:00PM. The cost for each is only \$5.00 per session. We hope to see you all there!!!

HAVE YOU BEEN ASKED TO BE A SPONSOR? It is a wonderful honor to be asked to be a sponsor for Baptism and Confirmation. It signifies that you are being asked to live your life as an example and in imitation of God's love for the person you sponsor. To serve as a sponsor, it is required that a person obtain a sponsor letter from his/her pastor. Sponsors must be at least 16 years of age, have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist, Confirmation, (If married) be married according to the regulations for marriage as provided by the Roman Catholic Church, officially registered and participating weekly in the Sunday Eucharist & actively striving to live out your own baptismal commitment to Christ.



BOY SCOUT NEWS

**Next Committee Meeting:
January 14th**

Upstairs Classroom @ Father Nallin Hall
Alison Delano, Committee Chairperson
570-233-4000 adelano1230@gmail.com

CUB SCOUT NEWS

ADULT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Fr. Nallin Hall
January 7th



REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR: It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis or at 1-800-932-0313.

It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator, Mary Beth Pacuska, at 570-862-7551 or to Diocesan officials, including the Vicar General, Msgr. Thomas M. Muldowney, V.G., at 570-207-2269.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: All adult Catholics (age 18 and over) are expected to be officially registered in a Parish and participating at Mass and the other Sacraments on a regular basis. If you have graduated from College or High School and are now employed, you are expected to join on your own unless you are attending college or a trade school. In order for a child to receive First Penance, First Eucharist or Confirmation, at least one of their parents or legal guardian must belong to and participate in our Parish. If you need to register or have any questions, please feel free to contact the Parish Office at 570-836-3275.

Echoes of Faith

Do you want to know more about your faith? Are you a catechist or DRE who is looking for a way to earn a certificate in catechesis? Can you spare an hour a week? The Echoes of Faith 3.0 is for YOU!

Created by the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership (NCCL) and published by RCL Benziger, *Echoes of Faith* is an online education program offering basic adult formation in the Catholic Faith.

With fourteen modules divided into three categories, the Echoes of Faith Learning Center can be used for parish Adult Faith Formation and for Basic Catechist Certification. It is also one way to complete the prerequisites for the Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry. For information on how to get started for an affordable \$15.00 a year, contact Mary-Anne-Malone@dioceseofscranton.org.

DRE Network Meetings - January 2019

The 2019 January DRE Network Meetings will focus on Confirmation in 2019. Every parish is invited to send its DRE and/or a parish catechetical representative to one of the following Network Meetings. Meetings will be held in five locations, and every parish should be represented. Please choose one of these dates/locations and plan to join other parish DREs for an evening of prayer, fellowship, formation and information.

Each meeting will be held from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 17-Christ the King Parish

429 Church Street, Archbald 18403

Tuesday, January 22-Our Lady of Fatima Parish

134 South Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre 18701

Thursday, January 24-St. Matthew Parish

78 Ridgeway Street, East Stroudsburg 18301

Monday, January 28-Holy Family Academy

601 N. Laurel Street, Hazleton 18201

Tuesday, January 29-Resurrection Parish

75 Musser Lane, Muncy 17756

R.S.V.P. to Mary Anne Malone (570) 207-2213, ext. 1100 or mary-anne-malone@dioceseofscranton.org

VIRTUS: A training session for adults in the Protecting God's Children (PGC-VIRTUS) program has been scheduled:

► **Wednesday, January 16th at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, Scranton, beginning at 6:00PM.**

Complete information is posted at:

www.dioceseofscranton.org (safe environment-child protection-VIRTUS)

If you are an adult employee or volunteer who has direct contact or routine interaction with children, please make every effort to participate in this training. Your attendance is important. Thank you.



ST. MARY'S AED IS LOCATED IN THE FOYER
BETWEEN THE CHURCH & HALL

Independent Compensation Program for Survivors of Sexual Abuse

The Diocese of Scranton announced November 8th the creation of an Independent Survivors Compensation Program for those who have suffered sexual abuse by clergy, religious or lay employees. Participation in the Program by survivors is entirely voluntary.

The Program will be administered by Kenneth Feinberg and Camille Biros, two leading experts in mediation and alternative dispute resolution. They will have absolute autonomy in determining compensation for survivors, and the Diocese of Scranton will abide by their decisions. Mr. Feinberg and Ms. Biros are currently managing a number of high-profile compensation programs nationwide, including similar programs started by five Catholic Dioceses in New York. Those programs collectively have provided over \$200 million in compensation to more than 1,000 survivors. They have received positive feedback from those who participated.

An Independent Oversight Committee will oversee the implementation and administration of the Program. The Diocese will have no authority over this committee. Compensation decisions are final and cannot be appealed or overturned by the Diocese or the Independent Oversight Committee.

"Providing compensation to these survivors is the right thing to do," said Bishop Joseph C. Bambera. "Several weeks ago, Pennsylvania's Bishops announced support of such a program, which was recently discussed but not enacted by the Pennsylvania General Assembly. The Diocese of Scranton is therefore moving forward and is offering this Program for survivors."

Parish and school assets, as well as contributions and bequests from parishioners and donations to the Diocesan Annual Appeal, will not be used to fund the Program. Rather, the Diocese will use available reserves and will sell assets and borrow money as needed. While the Program will require significant resources, the Diocese will strive to maintain its core mission to serve the local community.

The Diocese continues to refine the Program so that it better serves survivors. Further details concerning the Program will be made available in the near future, including a website for survivors to obtain information and claim forms. The Program is anticipated to launch in January 2019.

MONTHLY HOME VISITATIONS: On or near the First Friday of every month (weather permitting), Fr. Pat, Deacon Ray and Diane Stone visit the homebound and bring them Holy Communion. **If you or a loved one is unable to attend Mass due to advanced age, sickness or disability/handicap, and desire to receive communion at home, please contact Mary Lou at the Parish Office (570-836-3275) with your name, phone number and address and you will be placed on our monthly visitation list.**



THANK YOU: A sincere "Thank You" to all you special people of Nativity for your cards and prayers when I was at the Gardens in Tunkhannock. God Bless your extra special care; you are special. Affectionately, Peggy Finnegan

LIGHTHOUSE MEDIA: We want to remind you that our parishes are pleased to offer the Lighthouse Media bookracks in our churches and in Fr. Nallin Hall. Many of our parishioners have taken the opportunity to read one or more of the excellent printed materials and to listen to the CDs. There's a wealth of good information in these resources and we encourage all of our parishioners to pick up one of the items and give it a try. Be sure and let us know how you feel about these resources.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES: The Diocese of Scranton offers compassionate counseling in a safe, comfortable environment where your privacy is always respected. Counseling is about self-discovery and can be used for personal growth or when distressing conditions exist and you need a bit of extra support. Help is available. Anyone who struggles with anxiety, depression, grief and loss, life transitions or a variety of emotional or psychological conditions is welcome. Catholic Social Services accepts Medicaid plans and some insurance plans. Counseling is made affordable for everyone. For more information or to make an appointment, call (570) 207-2283.

CHURCH: A PLACE FOR "SACRED SILENCE"
"Be still, and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10)

Many of us grew up with the custom of being very quiet when in church because we recognized it as the House of God. **Sacred silence is essential for us to hear God speaking to us in prayerful conversation.** We cannot do all of the talking; prayer is two way conversation. We can hear God speaking to our hearts when we are quiet and still. Exterior silence can lead us to an inner peace and serenity where God's will for our life can be heard more easily. In paragraph 45 of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GRIM), our Church teaches us: **"Even before the celebration itself, it is commendable that silence be observed in the church, the sacristy, in the vesting room, and in adjacent areas (hospitality room, choir loft or vestibule), so that all may dispose themselves to carry out the sacred action in a devout and fitting manner."** Let us take these words to heart and begin our weekend liturgies with a period of silence. Your cooperation will be deeply appreciated by those who desire to pray and become properly disposed for the Sacred Liturgy.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GATHERINGS
OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS PARISH, CLARKS SUMMIT

- Support group meetings held on the first Wednesday of the month at 10:00AM and the third Sunday of the month at 2:00PM
- The Gathering Room (lower level) of Our Lady of the Snows Church, 301 South State Street, Clarks Summit

All are welcome; no registration is required.

I have great respect for the past. If you don't know where you've come from, you don't know where you're going. I have respect for the past, but I'm a person of the moment. I'm here, and I do my best to be completely centered at the place I'm at, then I go forward to the next place. **Maya Angelou**

ANNULMENT PROCESS: Do you want to know more about the annulment process? In the Diocese of Scranton, the annulment process is now more "user friendly" than you might expect, and there is no longer a processing fee. Please contact Fr. Pat or the Diocesan Tribunal Office (570-207-2246) to begin a conversation. It is possible to get clear answers to these questions and to renew your connection with the Church.

Prayer Resources for Those Suffering from Addiction

The Diocese of Erie is providing a variety of resources for parishes and individuals to help pray for those suffering from addictions. Although designed with the opioid crisis in mind, these resources could also be helpful for those suffering from other addictions as well, including alcoholism and gambling. Visit <https://www.eriecd.org/opioid.html> to access the prayer services on the Diocese of Erie website, or visit <https://store.faithcatholic.com/meditations-and-prayers> to order a booklet of Catholic prayers for family members whose loved ones are suffering from addiction.

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

An Engaged Encounter is a retreat weekend for engaged couples. It is an opportunity to gather with other engaged couples, to enjoy time both in groups and alone as a couple, and to dialogue about your future married life together. A team of married couples, as well as a priest, present ideas related to many pertinent topics. The weekend concludes with a Sunday Mass celebration. With your pastor's permission, an Engaged Encounter Weekend can qualify as PreCana preparation. Engaged Encounter Weekends are held throughout the year, both through the Diocese of Camden and through the Diocese of Harrisburg. To learn more about Engaged Encounter, or to register for a weekend, go to <http://www.engagedencounter.org/>.



LOCAL CATHOLIC RADIO STATION
JMJ RADIO 750AM or 98.9FM

AED IS LOCATED IN NATIVITY BVM CHURCH & ALSO IN FR. NALLIN HALL



9 Things You Need to Know About Epiphany

Jimmy Akin

On January 6th, the Church celebrates the feast of "Epiphany." This feast commemorates the mysterious visit of the *magi* to the Baby Jesus. Who were the *magi*? What led them to visit Jesus? And what lessons should we--and shouldn't we!--learn from this incident?

Here are nine things you should know . . .

1. What does the word "Epiphany" mean?

"Epiphany" means "manifestation." It comes from Greek roots that mean "to show, to display" (*phainein*) and "on, to" (*epi-*). An epiphany is thus a time when something is shown, displayed, or manifested to an audience.

2. What is the feast of the Epiphany about?

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church: The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Savior of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (*magi*) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee.

In the *magi*, representatives of the neighboring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation. The *magi*'s coming to Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the messianic light of the star of David, the one who will be king of the nations.

3. When is Epiphany celebrated?

This varies from country to country. In some countries, Epiphany is a holy day of obligation (Canon Can. 1246 §1). Where that is the case, it is celebrated on January 6th. In the United States, Epiphany is not a holy day of obligation, and its celebration is transferred to the first Sunday after January 1st.

4. Why is Epiphany connected with January 6th?

It is hard to say how far back the beginnings of the Christmas feast go. It assumed its definitive form in the third century. At about the same time, the feast of the Epiphany emerged in the East on January 6th and the feast of Christmas in the West on December 25th. The two feasts had different emphases because of the different religious and cultural contexts in which they arose, but essentially their meaning was the same: the celebration of the birth of Christ as the dawning of the new light, the true sun, of history (*The Spirit of the Liturgy*, pp. 106-107).

5. Who were the Magi?

In the relevant sources, the concept of Magi (*mágoi*) encompasses a wide range of meanings, from the wholly positive to the wholly negative. **To the first of the four principal meanings, Magi are understood to be members of the Persian priestly caste.** In Hellenistic culture, they were regarded as "rulers of a distinctive religion," but at the same time their religious ideas were thought to be "strongly influenced by philosophy," so that the Greek

philosophers have often been portrayed as their pupils.

6. Why did the magi come to see Jesus?

They apparently had material of a prophetic nature (some have suggested that they got it from an eastern Jewish community, such as the one in Babylon) that allowed them to identify the birth of the new "king of the Jews" astronomically.

They may have been especially motivated to come see *this* king of the Jews since there was an expectation at the time that a universal ruler would shortly come from Israel.

7. Why did they go to Herod?

Probably, because they assumed the newborn king would be a son of Herod--the current "king of the Jews." Pope Benedict comments:

It is quite natural that their search for the newborn king of the Jews should take them to Israel's royal city and to the king's palace. That, surely, is where the future king must have been born. This, of course, played into Herod's paranoia for his throne and led to the slaughter of the innocents.

8. What was the star?

Some question whether the star was a natural phenomenon at all, pointing out that it seems to lead the magi to Jerusalem, disappear, and then reappear and hover over the house in Bethlehem.

But this isn't what Matthew says. He does not say that the star led them to Jerusalem. They merely report that they had seen the new king's star "in the east" (Mt. 2:2; that is, back in their homeland), which is why they came to Jerusalem.

Various proposals have been made, including for rare astronomical phenomena like the conjunction of certain planets in certain constellations, or supernovas. Which of these, if any, might have been the Bethlehem star depends on precisely *when* Jesus was born, which is too complex a discussion for this post.

9. Does this mean astrology is okay?

No. As the Catechism explains:

All forms of divination are to be rejected: recourse to Satan or demons, conjuring up the dead or other practices falsely supposed to "unveil" the future. **Consulting horoscopes, astrology contradict the honor, respect, and loving fear that we owe to God alone** [CCC 2116].

In the ancient world, the heavenly bodies were regarded as divine powers, determining men's fate. The planets bear the names of deities. According to the concept prevailing at the time, they somehow ruled over the world, and man had to try to appease these powers.

On entering the Gentile world, the Christian faith had to grapple once again with the question of the astral divinities. Hence in the letters he wrote from prison to the Ephesians and the Colossians, Paul emphasizes that the risen Christ has conquered all the powers and forces in the heavens, and that he reigns over the entire universe.



MILITARY HONOR ROLL

PLEASE KEEP ALL MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY IN YOUR PRAYERS

- CPO ERIC TOMCZAK – U.S. NAVY
- STAFF SGT. PETER FRANKO III – U.S.A.F.
- SGT THOMAS DILIONE – NATIONAL GUARD
- ET2 JACOB KINTNER – U.S. NAVY
- STAFF SGT DAVID BALTRUSAITIS – NATIONAL GUARD
- SCPO KENNETH C. FRANK – U.S. NAVY
- SGT ROBERT J. POLSTER – U.S. ARMY
- SFC RICKY BROWN – NATIONAL GUARD
- PFC RYAN M. ERDEK – U.S. ARMY
- SGT ROBERT D. BARBER III – U.S. MARINES
- CADET RYAN ELL – U.S.AIR FORCE ACADEMY
- SN MICHAEL T. BARBER – U.S. NAVY
- PVT NIKKI CAPWELL – U.S. ARMY
- SPEC DEVIN BATTENBERG – NATIONAL GUARD
- CADET MARK AGUILAR – U.S.C.G. ACADEMY
- MAJOR JEFFREY O'DELL – U.S. ARMY
- LANCE CPL CHRISTOPHER HNATKO – U.S. MARINES
- CAPTAIN JOSEPH P. BREYMEIER – U.S. ARMY
- PVT JACOB BURGESS – U.S. MARINES
- CPL CHARLES BLISS – U.S. MARINES
- CADET RYAN ALFIER – U.S.A.F. ACADEMY
- PVT ANDREW SOLANIC – U.S. ARMY
- COL. JAMES J. CLANCY – U.S. ARMY
- PFC MATTHEW CLANCY – U.S. MARINES
- SEAMAN KAMRON HUBBARD – U.S. NAVY
- SPEC. NICOLE GRIFFITH – U.S. ARMY
- STAFF SGT ROBERT GOHLSER – U.S. MARINES
- LT CHELSEA ZWICKER – U.S. NAVY
- COL. CRAIG KEYES – U.S.A.F.
- CPL GARRETT SUND – U. S. ARMY
- LIEUTENANT AMY LEBER – U.S. NAVY
- LT COL ANDREW STRALEY – U.S. MARINES
- LT JOHN D. PETERS, M.D. – U.S. NAVY
- SGT JOSEPH A. HARDISKY – U.S. ARMY
- PO2 ALEC FISHER – U.S. NAVY
- CWO4 TONY RICHARDSON – U.S. MARINES
- COL. CARL PACKER – U.S. ARMY
- TECH SGT DONALD WEITZ – U.S.A.F.
- SGT SETH CAINES – U.S. ARMY

We also want to recognize the service of the following veterans who have served our country:

- MAJOR GEORGE D. KASZUBA, U.S. AIR FORCE (IRAQ)
- CORPORAL JOSEPH IGNATOVICH, U.S. ARMY (KOREA)
- SPEC. FRANK GAUS, U.S. ARMY SPEC. FORCES (VIETNAM)
- SPEC. WILLIAM F. MARRONE, U.S. ARMY
- PRIVATE JAMES DEEGAN, U.S. ARMY (NO. AFRICA, ITALY)
- MAJOR FRANCIS TURNER, U.S. ARMY (WW II)
- SPEC. 4 RANDY GREENIP, U.S. ARMY (ASA TURKEY)
- AIRMAN 1ST CLASS DONALD WHITE, U.S.A.F. (KOREA)
- AIRMAN BRUCE GELNETT, U.S.A.F. (KOREA)
- SPEC. 4 CARL I. PACKER, U.S. ARMY
- LANCE CPL RICHARD DOMBROSKI – U.S.MARINES (VIETNAM)
- STAFF SGT. RICHARD DOMBROSKI – NAT'L. GUARD (RET.)
- SGT. WALTER J. ZOLA, U.S. ARMY (KOREA)
- AE3 KENNETH C. FRANK, U.S. NAVY (KOREA)
- SSG WILLIAM SHAW, U.S. ARMY (GERMANY)
- SGT. JOHN WILPIZESKI, U.S. ARMY
- SFC TONY LANDI, U.S. ARMY (RET.)
- SGT. SAMUEL HERRING, US ARMY (KOREA)
- SGT. JERRY BEAUCHEANE, U.S. AIR FORCE
- PFC NICHOLAS KORDILLA, U.S. MARINE CORPS (WW II)
- SGT. NICHOLAS FERRUGGIA – U.S. MARINES
- SGT. E5 ROBERT SPRAGUE – U.S. ARMY
- SGT. JAMES SNYDER – U.S AIR FORCE
- LT. J.G. TIMOTHY LEBER – U.S.COAST GUARD
- CAPT ALAN B. FLANAGAN – U.S. NAVY
- AE1 JOSEPH YAKOSKI – U.S. NAVY (VIETNAM)
- STAFF SGT. STEPHANIE DANIELS SUND (AFGHANISTAN)

God Bless all who serve or have served our country.



NIGHT PRAYERS with DEACON RAY



Tuesday evening prayers
4:00PM @ St. Mary's Church
All are welcome!



PRO-LIFE ROSE

The Pro-Life red rose in front of the statue of Mary at Nativity this week is in memory of



Trudy Fisk

Donated by Peggy Finnegan

If you would like to donate for a Pro-Life Rose at Nativity,

please contact Diane Stone (570-836-3055)



Seven Loaves Soup Kitchen, 54 Warren Street in Tunkhannock (formerly the P&G Credit Union building), serves a hearty meal every Monday through Friday from 5:00-6:30PM. There is no charge and all are welcome.



Those who desire to volunteer to work at the kitchen or to donate food or make a financial contribution are asked to contact 570-996-5005 or 570-836-3145.



Line Dancing

Wednesday evening

7:00-8:30PM Fr. Nallin Hall

All are welcome



If your child's crying or talking becomes excessive or disruptive to others, please be considerate and use the cry rooms in our churches.



SAVE THE DATE

Valentine's Day

Dinner-Dance

Saturday, February 9th

Fr. Nallin Hall

Music by "Pop Star Drive" (formerly "amRadio")

Tickets on sale in the Parish Office

\$35.00 per person

Watch the bulletin for more details



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRIES

St. Mary of the Lake

Thursdays from 5:30-7:00PM

in the Parish Hall

All women of the parish are invited to join us.



Nativity BVM

In need of a prayer shawl?

Please call Sue Barziloski (570-836-1351)

**THE MOST BLESSED
SACRAMENT IS RESERVED
WHERE MASS IS SAID**
We respectfully ask that all
observe a reverent silence
and appropriate dress

Sacramental Preparation

BAPTISM

Parents must be registered in the Parish. In order to understand and appreciate the Sacrament of Baptism, first time expectant parents are required to attend one pre-Baptism instruction. A call to the Parish Office 4 months before your child is due will make the scheduling of your session easier and give you ample time to prepare for this Sacrament of Initiation to the life of grace.

MARRIAGE

The engaged couple is asked to call the Parish Office and arrange an appointment with the priest. Please allow 12 months for the completion of the necessary preparations. Do not enter into any other commitments before confirming a wedding date and time in the parish.

Confession Schedule

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is celebrated **every Saturday:**

St. Mary of the Lake

.....**3:15-3:45PM**

Nativity of the BVM

.....**4:15-4:45PM**

or **at any time by appointment.**

Contact the Parish Office (836-3275).

Cemetery Lots Available

Pieta Cemetery, one of our Parish Cemeteries (located on Dark Hollow Road in Tunkhannock Township) **has burial lots available.** For further info, to view the map of available lots and to inquire about prices & regulations, please contact our Parish Secretary, Mary Lou, at the Parish Office (570-836-3275).



Parish Bulletin Advertising

Space is currently available in our weekly parish bulletin for your business advertisement. Contact our Parish Business Manager, Dick Schwoebel, at (570) 836-3275 or (570) 677-7634 for information and pricing. Various sizes are available; the cost is reasonable.

PRO-LIFE ROSE

Looking for a wonderful way to remember a loved one on a special day? **Why not donate the Rose that is placed before the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Nativity BVM Church?**



Simply **contact Diane Stone (570-836-3055) to schedule the date that you desire and how you want it listed in the bulletin.** Many weekends are available.

Have You Moved?

If you have recently moved or had an address change, please contact the parish office at 570-836-3275 so that our records may be updated. **If we don't have a mailable address on file for you, we will have to remove your name from our parish roster.**



Words of Life

"Never tire of firmly speaking out in defense of life from its conception and do not be deterred from the commitment to defend the dignity of every human person with courageous determination. Christ is with you: be not afraid!"

'Address of John Paul II to the Bishops and Apostolic Administrators of Albania on their 'Ad Limina' Visit February 3, 2001

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As seen on TV - Only **\$5.00**
Available at the Parish Office

Nativity BVM CCD News

CCD will resume this Sunday.

A great big thank you to the helpers at the CCD Christmas party. They were **Sam & Susan Elias, Teri Evans, Sara Cook, Tammy & Alisha Nudo, Elizabeth DeMarco, Steve Boyanowski and the students of the eighth grade Confirmation class.** Also, a special thank you to **Santa Claus** for making a special trip to visit our CCD children!

Happy New Year!

Mrs. B

St. Mary of the Lake CCD News

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year! **Kudos to Mrs. Williams' 7th grade class** for hosting our Mass on December 16th! They did a great job. Special thanks to Mrs. Williams for preparing them so well!

God bless,

Jenny Sinker

Community News

WYOMING COUNTY CANCER SOCIETY

Financial assistance to cancer patients is provided toward expenses incurred in driving to doctor appointments or to treatment centers for radiation and chemotherapy as well as medication expenses prescribed by a physician but not covered by insurance.

Occasionally, when a patient has no means of transportation, a ride to treatment center or doctor's office may be arranged (volunteer drivers needed). For more information and application procedure, please call 570-836-6552.

Loan of wheelchairs, walkers and commodes can be arranged for patients who need them.

The Wyoming County Cancer Society is funded by the Wyoming County United Way, but memorials and donations are welcomed and appreciated.

For more information and application procedure, please call 570-836-6552.

**The Humane Society
of Wyoming County, Inc.**

570-836-4745

www.hswcPA.org

ST. MARY OF THE LAKE MASS SCHEDULE - WEEK OF JANUARY 6, 2019

SATURDAY	JAN	05	4:00PM	FATHER ROBERT KELLEHER – OFFERED BY FRAN MOLLUSKY & FAMILY
SUNDAY	JAN	06	9:00AM	CARL GINGHER – OFFERED BY JIM & GERT BILLINGS
MONDAY	JAN	07	8:00AM	NO MASS
TUESDAY	JAN	08	8:00AM	JOSEPH IGNATOVICH – OFFERED BY STEVE & JOSEPHINE FRANKO
WEDNESDAY	JAN	09	8:00AM	NO MASS
THURSDAY	JAN	10	8:00AM	BOOTSIE GOWARTY – OFFERED BY GEORGE & ELINOR DOUGHERTY
FRIDAY	JAN	11	8:00AM	NO MASS
SATURDAY	JAN	12	4:00PM	RON WILLIAMS – OFFERED BY ED & MARY CLARE COLEMAN
SUNDAY	JAN	13	9:00AM	PAT VANDERVEKEN – OFFERED BY HER FAMILY

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

SAT JAN 05 & SUN. JAN 06

**EUCCHARISTIC
MINISTER(S)**

**LECTORS
ALTAR
SERVER(S)**

**USHERS
GREETERS
OFFERTORY GIFTS
COLLECTION COUNTERS**

SATURDAY 4:00PM

LISA JANOSKI
MARIE PACKER
CARMEL WILLIAMS
BOB ANDREWS
JAMES MIKUS

BERNIE GARVEY & CARL PACKER
PEG GARVEY
SELECTION BY USHERS

SUNDAY 9:00AM

LEN NASH
ELLEN WENGEN
TOM WOLFF
ASHLEY KENIA
MASON BERKHIMER
OWEN BERKHIMER
TYLER BERKHIMER
DAVID SINKER & DJ SINKER
BILL WATERS
SELECTION BY USHERS
DON & CAROL AMES

SAT. JAN 12 & SUN. JAN 13

**EUCCHARISTIC
MINISTER(S)**

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**USHERS
GREETERS
OFFERTORY GIFTS
COLLECTION COUNTERS**

SATURDAY 4:00PM

BOB ANDREWS
KAREN LEBER
DOROTHY TRAUGER
DON AMES
DANIEL DRISCOLE

JIM BILLINGS & BILL SHAW
JANET SHAW
SELECTION BY USHERS

SUNDAY 9:00AM

ANN MARIE GORKO
PETER POLINSKY
JOAN STROKA
LEN NASH
ASHLEY KENIA
ALEX PIERETTI
IRENE PIERETTI
RANDY PIERETTI & STEVE ZDANIEWICZ
JEAN NASH
SELECTION BY USHERS
LEN NASH & DICK SCHWOEBEL

Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need. Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence. Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness, make broken bodies whole who healed those who believed. Amen.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

--- THE SICK, THE SUFFERING AND HOSPITALIZED, ESPECIALLY: SANDRA SLOWEY, LORI PIERCE, LISA FREITAS, TRACY IRISH, CHRISTINA REEVES, JACKI NIERATKO, CARMEN PIERCE, ELAINE HUG, CHASE RUSSELLO, ANNETTE SMITH, LYNN POLLINI, AVA MASON, LYNN McGLYNN, BONNIE KILGANNON, MSGR. DAVID L. TRESSLER, RUSTY PERKINS, JULIA KAIFER, MICHELLE HUERBIN, JENNIFER BUNNELL, JOSEPH PIERCE, THELMA SHEBBY, EDD KILGANNON, AUDREY DAVIS, SHIRLEY ROCHA, DOT JOHNSON, JAMES DOUGHERTY, STACIE MAGNECZ, TAMMY MIGLIORI, CAROLLYN DAVIS, LINDA ZALEWSKI, MELISSA HENNING HILL, MICHAEL BOGDON, JANET EVANS, ZACHARY WILLIAMS, PAT STEAD, BILL STEAD, RON GORKO, KATIE PACKER, PETER POLINSKY, DAVID TRESSLER, SR., ANN SMITH, DELORES HEAGY, FRAN MOLLUSKY, PEARL PIERCE, BERNICE BURANICH, CEIL IGNATOVICH, MARY PETERSEN, LOUIS C. POLLINI JR., SUE MIGLIORI, JOE SCHIAVONE, LINDA NIEMIEC, CAROLE GREENIP, JANE CAWLEY, FLORENCE KEYES, JEROME LAMONICA, JEAN LAMONICA, THEO FREAR, BROGAN PERFILIO, DICK & FLORENCE KELLY.

--- THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED AND THE NEEDS OF OUR PARISH AND PARISHIONERS

PLEASE NOTIFY THE PARISH OFFICE (378-2181) IF ANYONE IS HOSPITALIZED OR ILL OR IN NEED OF PRAYERS.

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN DURING THE WEEK OF
JANUARY 6TH FOR **MARYANN KASZUBA**
OFFERED BY HER HUSBAND GEORGE

YOUR CONTRIBUTION:

Weekend Offering \$1,595.00

ST. MARY OF THE LAKE CALENDAR

<p>JAN. 06 CCD CLASS</p> <p>JAN. 13 CCD CLASS</p> <p>JAN. 20 CCD CLASS/4TH GRADE CLASS MASS</p> <p>JAN. 22 MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE MTGS. – 6:30PM – HALL</p> <p>JAN. 27 CCD CLASS</p> <p>FEB. 02 FIRST RECONCILIATION @ 10:00AM</p> <p>FEB. 03 CCD CLASS/BANNER DAY 1 PARENT MUST BE PRESENT</p> <p>FEB. 11 CCD CLASS/VALENTINE FUN BREAKFAST</p> <p>FEB. 17 NO CCD CLASS</p> <p>FEB. 24 CCD CLASS</p> <p>FEB. 26 PARISH COUNCIL MTG. – 6:30PM – HALL</p> <p>MAR. 03 CCD CLASS</p>	<p>MAR. 10 CCD CLASS</p> <p>MAR. 17 CCD CLASS/CONFESSIONS/3RD GRADE CLASS MASS</p> <p>MAR. 24 CCD CLASS</p> <p>MAR. 31 CCD CLASS/PRE-K, KINDERGARTEN & 1ST GRADE CLASS MASS</p> <p>APR. 07 CCD CLASS</p> <p>APR. 14 CCD CLASS/2ND GRADE MASS/LUNCHEON @2:00PM</p> <p>APR. 21 NO CCD CLASS</p> <p>APR. 28 LAST CCD CLASS – CARNIVAL FOR JESUS FUN</p> <p>MAY 04 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 11:00AM MAY CROWNING</p>
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NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS SCHEDULE – WEEK OF JANUARY 6, 2019

SATURDAY	JAN	05	5:00PM	JOAN JURISTA – OFFERED BY CHRIS & CATHY CIPRICH
SUNDAY	JAN	06	7:30AM	BONNIE LaFLEUR – OFFERED BY JOE & NAN DeMARCO
			9:00AM	PETER FRANKO JR. – OFFERED BY HIS PARENTS
			11:00AM	JIM MANGANELLA – OFFERED BY DOLORES, CHERYL ANN & JENNIFER
MONDAY	JAN	07	7:00AM	WALTER ZOLA – OFFERED BY ANN & NORM
TUESDAY	JAN	08	7:00AM	NO MASS
WEDNESDAY	JAN	09	7:00AM	JAMES HOVAN SR. – OFFERED BY LISA WOLFE
THURSDAY	JAN	10	7:00AM	NO MASS
FRIDAY	JAN	11	7:00AM	HELEN BAKER – OFFERED BY LAURIE, STEPHEN & MICHAEL GIZZIN
SATURDAY	JAN	12	5:00PM	HENRY KURYLOSKI – OFFERED BY ROY & JOAN BRODY & FAMILY
SUNDAY	JAN	13	7:30AM	CHARLES & DOROTHY KOVALCHICK – OFFERED BY THEIR FAMILY
			9:00AM	JOAN BETTS – OFFERED BY DR. TINA EVANS
			11:00AM	CAROL McGINLEY – OFFERED BY BETTY UBACHS

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

<u>SAT. JAN 05 & SUN. JAN 06</u>	<u>SATURDAY 5:00PM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 7:30AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 9:00AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 11:00AM</u>
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)	DEACON RAY SUSAN BARZILOSKI CHARLOTTE SMITH	AGNES MASSACESI NAN DeMARCO ALISHA NUDO	DEACON RAY JOHN KEEFE CARL SHINKO	DEACON RAY LISA RANSOM DOLORES MANGANELLA
LECTOR ALTAR SERVER(S)	PAT MURRAY MATTHEW PREBOLA BRETT SICKLER MICHAEL SICKLER	MARY SOHNS NICHOLAS DeMARCO ANNA EVANS CARA EVANS	ART DAVIS MARCUS BINNER PAUL BINNER JOSEPH COLAVITTI	TINA KALETA MAIA BURRY EMMA ELIAS MATTHEW KALETA
OFFERTORY GIFTS COLLECTION COUNTERS OFFERTORY GIFTS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS K. FRANK, M. FRANK, G. & B. KOVALCHICK	SELECTION BY USHERS
<u>SAT. JAN. 12 & SUN. JAN 13</u>	<u>SATURDAY 5:00PM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 7:30AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 9:00AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 11:00AM</u>
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)	DEACON RAY DONNA KASKUS JOAN CHAPDELAIN	CHARLOTTE SMITH ALISHA NUDO NAN DeMARCO	DEACON RAY ROY BRODY GENE SCHWEITZER	DEACON RAY LISA RANSOM DOLORES MANGANELLA
LECTOR ALTAR SERVER(S)	DAVID KUFFA ALEX KEISER ZAK KEISER ALYSSA KOVALCHICK	SUSAN BARZILOSKI AIDEN BURRY ROBERT BURRY KATHRYN CUSATIS	RITA FITZGERALD IAN BURKE SOPHIE BURKE CORA MILNER	GLORIA PASTERNAK HEIDI WILLIAMS MATTHEW WILLIAMS SEAN WILLIAMS
OFFERTORY GIFTS COLLECTION COUNTERS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS B. KIRBY, W. OLIVER, R. THORNE	SELECTION BY USHERS

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

----- **THE SICK, THE SUFFERING AND HOSPITALIZED**, ESPECIALLY: CAROLYN MYERS, ELISSA ROSE, LYLE STURDEVANT, MARYN KUKUCHKA, LILLIAN KRISTUNAS, JENNIFER BUNNELL, MARIE STAIR, MARY ANN BROWN, ELIZABETH CALLAHAN, RICHELE MORTIMER, SHERI RAIL, DAVID TRESSLER, SR., CHERYL MacDONALD SWEET, AIDAN HOLMAN, TRISTAN EVANS, JOSEPH E. QUINN, ANGELIQUE ALEXANDRA PREVOST, HEATHER STEGNER, MARGE HOLUB, BEN BROWN, ELEANOR FOSTER, MATTHEW LEWIS, DONALD TRAVER, DAWN DOMMES, MICHELLE HUERBIN, CAROLYN ROZANSKI, DON WHITE, MARY KUKUCHKA, EMMY COIA, DARRIN McGAVIN, FATHER BILL WILSON, EDWARD KIMBEL, CHERYL SANDS, MARY DELMAR, CHARLES CAREY, NANCY ROBINSON, SUSAN BOLOUSKI McANDREWS, GARRET CONOVER, ANALISA DOMINIC, LUCAS SETH BOYANOWSKI, BILL IVEY, VERNA PRAWDZIK, MATTHEW FORTESE, JACOB WALTER, CURTIS, ARTHUR BUNNELL, TED BUNNELL, HELEN TALARICO, PAUL GOODRICH, MYRON LaBAR, TIKI LYONS, GRACE STURDEVANT, CAROL COBB, BRENT RANSOM, JEAN YABLONSKI, AUSTIN THOMAS, JIM BORDEN, JERRY STROKA, LINDA NIEMIEC, DIANE THOMPSON, ROSEANN GEORGE, SHELLIE SEYMORE, MARILYN BRODY, MONTANA COLE, CAROL GAYLORD, CHRIS OLSHAN, JR., HELEN RAIL, CHARLOTTE SMITH, FLORENCE KEYES, LINDA RUEHLMAN, ROY PREVOST, ALLEN KEYES, CATHERINE LITWIN, JUDI HOWE, LEAH WILSEY, ANN ZACKARIAS, CHRISTOPHER BELL, NATHAN DELMAR, LINDA, KATHLEEN ALTEMUS, CARL ALTEMUS, MARY LOUISE BECKETT, PAULA MOELLER, GEORGE ZALDONIS, PAT STASCavage, JOHN RUEHLMAN JR, MICHALINE WIERNUSZ, MARY BOLOUSKI, PEGGY FINNEGAN, JIM RAIL SR., JOAN STEPHENS, PEG BALL, NORM BALL, BARBARA LOCKER.

----- **THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED ESPECIALLY JAYNE WYND AND IRENE TALCOTT** AND THE NEEDS OF OUR PARISH AND PARISHIONERS.

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SANCTUARY LIGHT:

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS AVAILABLE TO BURN FOR YOUR INTENTION. CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AT (570) 836-3275

YOUR CONTRIBUTION:

Weekend Offering \$ 3,491.00

NATIVITY BVM CALENDAR

JAN. 06	CCD CLASS	MAR. 02	CONFIRMATION RETREAT – DIOCESAN PASTORAL CENTER, SCRANTON – 9:00AM – 2:00PM
JAN. 13	CCD CLASS	MAR. 03	CCD CLASS
JAN. 20	CCD CLASS/4 TH GRADE CLASS MASS – 9:00AM	MAR. 05	ALTAR & ROSARY MTG. – 12:45PM – FNH
JAN. 27	CCD CLASS	MAR. 10	CCD CLASS
FEB. 03	CCD CLASS	MAR. 17	CCD CLASS/PRE-K, K AND 1 ST GRADE MASS – 9:00AM
FEB. 05	ALTAR & ROSARY MTG. – 12:45PM – FNH	MAR. 24	CCD CLASS
FEB. 09	FIRST PENANCE SERVICE – 10:00AM (SNOW DATE FEBRUARY 16 TH – 10:00AM)	MAR. 31	CCD CLASS
FEB. 10	CCD CLASS/BANNER SUNDAY	APR. 02	ALTAR & ROSARY MTG. – 12:45PM – FNH
FEB. 17	CCD CLASS		
FEB. 24	CCD CLASS/3 RD GRADE MASS – 9:00AM		